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TO: Deans Schools of Education and Bilingual Teacher
Preparation Program Directors

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *PL*

SUBJECT: Authorization for I.H.E.'s with Commission Approved
Bilingual Teacher Preparation Programs (Emphasis or
Specialist) to Assess and Recommend for the Certifi-
cate of Competence.

The Commission adopted the following Resolution at the April 1, 1977, meeting. This Resolution authorizes, as of this date, any California I.H.E. with either a Commission approved Bilingual Emphasis or Specialist Program to assess and recommend for the certificate of competence, as described in AB 3339 and referred to in AB 1329. Please note that the language and culture standards to be applied to the certificate of competence are to be the same as the exit standards for the Multiple and Single Subject Emphasis Program. Each eligible institution may determine all other policies and procedures to be used to implement the assessment process.

Additional options available to candidates for the certificate will be discussed at the May meeting of the Commission. You will be notified of any additional options for the assessment process when they have been approved. If you have any questions please contact your consultant or Dr. Gustavo Getner at (916) 322-2304.

Resolution- Adopted April 1, 1977

WHEREAS, the provisions of recent legislation mandate employment of certified bilingual teachers for the 1977-78 school year, and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to make available at least one process by which qualified teachers who are bilingual may be assessed and recommended for a certificate of competence, and

WHEREAS, the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing has already approved programs to prepare bilingual teachers in 20 colleges and universities, and

WHEREAS, these approved programs were developed with the advice of teachers and community persons, and

WHEREAS, many of these institutions have stated a readiness to begin assessment of language and culture competence,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, effective this date, authorizes those institutions which have Commission-approved programs to prepare bilingual teachers to conduct assessment in accordance with the criteria specified in each approved program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these institutions shall be authorized to recommend Commission issuance of the certificate of competence for persons who pass the assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the language and culture standards to be applied to the certificate of competence shall be the same as the exit standards for bilingual emphasis programs for multiple and single subject instruction credentials.